



Volunteer Opportunity
Burn Care Education Experts Providing training to
Burn Care Providers in Latin American and the Caribbean
Online and In-Person Trainers

Physicians for Peace (PFP) is seeking healthcare professionals and burn care experts interested in sharing their experience and expertise through training sessions and educational efforts in the areas of initial burn care, acute and reconstructive surgery, nurse education, rehabilitative therapy, and psycho-social support, among others.

Through the Burn Care Program, PFP provides training, mentoring and leadership opportunities to healthcare professionals working in less-resourced communities where gaps in skill and proficiency exist, contributing to greater access to quality healthcare in underserved areas of the world. Because burns are lifetime injuries, requiring dedicated medical care for years after the initial injury, our volunteers (or as we call them PFP international medical educators – IMEs-) provide training and mentorship to an array of healthcare providers, including surgeons, nurses, therapists, and psychologists who care for patients with burn injuries at different stages of their recovery.

All potential volunteers will be added to our volunteer database and will be contacted as training needs arise.

Location: Varies. Many of our current training events are online sessions via Zoom, but we expect to resume our trips to Central and South America in 2021.

Dates: TBD.

Focus Areas:

- Burn Acute/ Reconstructive Surgery and Medical Care. PFP trains local plastic surgeons and other physicians to respond to the acute medical and surgical needs of burn patients to increase their survival and quality of life. This surgical education usually happens through side-by-side teaching during direct patient care with surgeons working together on a variety of cases, however, we also provide lectures and online case studies to augment in-person training.
- Burn Nurse Education. PFP provides burn care nurse training, from basic bedside skills to advanced intensive burn care, to burn nurses in Central and South America. Training initiatives contribute to the establishment of professional, administrative, and educational frameworks as needed at local hospitals and clinics.



- Burn Rehabilitation Education. PFP provides intensive training in the burn rehabilitation skills necessary for management of both hospitalized and outpatient burn survivors. We train and educate therapists in the use of burn compression garments, custom thermoplastic splints, serial casts, plastic facial masks, physical and occupational therapy, among others.
- Burn Psycho-social Education. PFP provides training for psychologists, social workers, and educators whose work with burn patients focuses on healing the social and emotional scars that are common in the aftermath of such trauma.

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If you are interested in this volunteer position, please return to “Volunteer Opportunities” page to fill out the interest form. Thanks!